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## Goodwin Still Being Criticized For His Latin American Actions

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Richard Goodwin, 29-year-old White House "expert" on Latin America, is still operating like a one-man State Department.

He is carrying on his own secret negotiations with Communist leaders in Cuba despite howls of protest from the State Department.

Goodwin, who held a "chance" meeting with Ernesto (Che) Guevara, Castro's Communist economic czar, in Argentina last month, had an unannounced rendezvous with Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, editor of the Communist newspaper Hoy.

Neither Goodwin nor Rodriguez are talking about their mysterious meeting although it has already produced some very explosive results.

For instance, Rodriguez, on returning to Havana, narrowly escaped assassination by a group of assailants that shot up his car while he was traveling along the Via Blanca.

The Castro government blames the Central Intelligence Agency for the attempt on Rodriguez's life. However, reliable U. S. intelligence sources claim that the assailants were anti-Castro underground fighters.

**WORD OF THE** Goodwin-Rodriguez meeting has caused a group of responsible senators to consider the recall of Goodwin for a second round of questioning on his "one-man" foreign policy operations.

A Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee headed by Sen. Wayne Morse, D., Ore., already has questioned Goodwin about his meeting last month with Ernesto (Che) Guevara, Castro's Communist economic czar, at the recent Inter-American Economic Conference at Punta del Este, Uruguay.

During the private Morse inquiry, Goodwin passed off his conference with Guevara as a "chance" meeting when both men met a diplomatic reception.

However, Goodwin's follow-up meeting with Rodriguez, along with new evidence that the

conference with "Che" was anything but a chance get-together is causing the senators to take another look at Goodwin's activities.

**ONE SENATOR'S** inquiry at the White House brought back word from President Kennedy that Assistant Secretary Robert Woodward is the "responsible officer" on Latin American Affairs.

Meanwhile, at the State Department an aide to Woodward reports that "the situation is intolerable. Something is going to have to give pretty soon." He reports that Goodwin continues to take on problems of Latins who bypass the State Department and come directly to him.

Note: Rodriguez, a Havana University professor, is the senior official of the Integrated Revolutionary Organization (the nucleus of Cuba's new, single party) in addition to being editor of Hoy.

### BEHIND THE SCENES

Rep. George Miller, D. Calif., new chairman of the House Space Committee, is urging President Kennedy to put the Nike-Zeus anti-missile missile into production immediately. He warns the President that if this isn't done the Russians will have an operational anti-missile missile years before the U. S. If that happens, Miller says, the Soviets will have a new weapon to blackmail the U. S.

Russia is conducting a gigantic gun-running traffic to Africa from Communist Baltic ports. U. S. intelligence agencies have detailed information on 30 arms ship sailings in the past two months from the East German port of Rostock, the Polish ports of Stettin and Gdynia, the Soviet port of Pillau, near Kaliningrad. This Communist gun-running has increased tremendously in recent weeks.

The magnitude of the Baltic-based Communist gun-running is far greater than any requirements in the Congo. U. S. intelligence officers evaluate the volume of arms traffic as meaning that Russia intends trying to foment rebellion and civil strife throughout Africa. The arms being sent are cast-off Communist weapons from Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia. Most of them date back to World War II.



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